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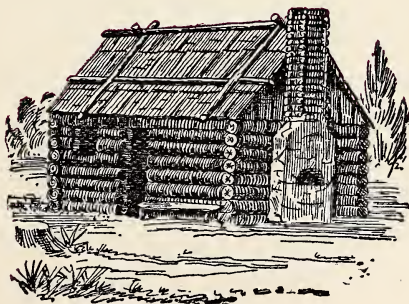
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JOHNSON COUNTY

Iowa



SEPTEMBER 5, 1905

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JOHNSON COUNTY OLD SETTLERS

At Annual Reunion, Sept. 5, 1905.

With the morning of September 5, 1905, came clouds and rain. A few of the Old Settlers of Johnson County who had reached the picnic grounds before the rain began, retired to the cabins and smoked and chatted until the storm slackened, when they pronounced the picnic postponed on account of rain, and under their umbrellas they started for their homes. At ten o'clock the storm ceased and the sun came out bright, and a pleasant breeze from the west gave promise of fair weather.

With the sunshine and breeze the members of the association began to arrive in numbers from distant parts of the county. The disappointed ones of the early morning returned to the grounds. The officers also appeared, the fires in the cabin stoves were hastily kindled. E. A. Patterson volunteered to brew the coffee, and as the sun reached the meridian, from the steaming boilers he filled the cups of the large crowd who had gathered to enjoy another of the grand repasts that have been an important part of the social gatherings of the association.

After an hour devoted to refreshments, the members and visitors were called to the speaker's stand by the president, S. P. Fry. After an invocation by Dr. Fellows, short addresses were delivered by Judge Fairall, Dr. Fellows, Mathew Cavanaugh, and Prof. Willis. Lizzie Summerhays recited the poem of Alta

Wayne. A sketch of Allen Curtis Sutliff was read by Mr. Cavanaugh, and the report of the Mortuary Committee was read by John Springer. The members of the association then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year.

John T. Struble was elected president, George W. Bale, 1st vice-president; E. P. Whitacre, 2nd vice-president; Henry Wieneke, treasurer; and G. R. Irish, secretary. The president selected the following members to act as an Executive Committee: S. P. Fry, A. W. Beuter, A. E. Swisher, Horace Sanders and W. A. Kettlewell.

The Necrological Committee was continued.

Having completed the program, the afternoon was devoted to friendly chat, and as the shadows of evening began to fall, good byes were said and the day that promised to be a stormy one, proved to be remarkably pleasant, and witnessed one of the most enjoyable of the many gatherings of the association.

SKETCH OF ALLEN CURTIS SUTLIFF.

I have written this sketch—imperfect and unsatisfactory as it is—as a small tribute to the memory of the late Allen Curtis Sutliff, who was a prominent figure among the pioneers of Johnson County, and who, with his estimable family for many years were the near, kindly and greatly esteemed friends and neighbors of my father and his family.

In 1838, Mr. Sutliff and family, consisting of his wife, four daughters and two sons, settled in the north-eastern part of Johnson County on the Cedar river, and opened up—for that early time—a large farm.

He was born in 1796 in Connecticut, and was a descendant of a long line of distinguished people in church and state in England under the patronymic of

Sutliff. In his infancy, his parents moved with him to Western New York, and thence, in 1804, when he was eight years of age, to Trumbull county, in northeastern Ohio. Here he grew to manhood, amid the scenes and labors incident to the settlement and improvement of a heavily timbered country, and as he was the eldest of a large family, it devolved upon him to assist his father in clearing and reducing to cultivation a large farm.

Mr. Sutliff continued thus to labor with his father in opening up his farm, and in the support and education of his family until he was twenty-five years of age, and, although his own opportunities for education were limited in that early day in Ohio, the labor he thus devotedly gave to the family after attaining his majority, gave his younger brothers better advantages for education than had fallen to him. These younger brothers became prominent citizens—one of whom, his brother Milton—attained the distinguished position of a seat on the bench of the Supreme Court of Ohio, and was a delegate in the National Convention which nominated Abraham Lincoln for president in 1860, and exercised a potent influence in shaping the policy upon which that campaign was carried to its historic conclusion.

In 1822, Mr. Sutliff married Nancy Baldwin, the estimable woman who thus became his life-long companion and helpmeet, sharing with his the labors, trials and joys incident to the making of a farm and the rearing of a family, first in the densely timbered region of northern Ohio, and later in the less laborious and less slavish exactions required in the opening of a farm and the making of a home under the more genial skies, on the more fertile and more friendly soils of the grass-carpeted, sun-bathed prairies of bounteous, beautiful Iowa.

As said before, in 1838, Mr and Mrs. Sutliff came with their family of four daughters and two sons, and

in the years following two daughters and one more son were born to them, making a family now of nine—six daughters and three sons.

These most devoted parents did all that was possible for them to do in that early day in Iowa for the education of their children, and although the opportunities for school education were very limited, these children had what is far better for them than mere schooling—the home education afforded in a cultured family, the heads of which were inspired with high ideals, who taught their children their reciprocal rights and duties as members of society, and taught them so well along these lines that all grew up highly respected and esteemed in the community.

In the early days the settlers could ride or drive across the prairies in almost any direction, but there were sterams that needed bridges or ferries on which to cross. On the opposite side of the Cedar river from Mr. Sutliff's farm is a corner of Johnson county, embracing some four or five sections of land, and as there was a settlement over there, Mr. Sutliff in 1840 built a ferry-boat and established a ferry for the accommodation of himself and his neighbors.

It is not generally known to the people of Johnson county to-day, but it is nevertheless a fact, that the water-table of the old capitol building—now the central building of the University—came from a quarry in the southeast corner of Linn county beyond the Cedar River, and was hauled thence with ox teams by the late Capt. F. M. Irish and others, who, in so doing, crossed the river at Mr. Sutliff's ferry.

The problem of a market for the products of their farms was a serious one with the farmers of that early time, and as all were trying to devise ways and means to raise money with which to enter their land, Mr. Sutliff conceived the idea of building a flat-boat and floating down the river with some of the products of his farm

to the markets of the lower Mississippi country, and accordingly in the season of 1842 he planted and grew a large field of potatoes, of those excellent but now extinct varieties, the Neshanock, the Irish Grey and the Pink-Eye, all of which grew to the greatest perfection and excellence in the virgin soils of Iowa in that early day. He had a splendid crop of several thousand bushels, which he buried near the river, built his flat-boat, and if the spring had been as early as those he had experienced immediately preceding, he would have floated down with his cargo of potatoes and found a highly remunerative market. But this was the late spring of 1843, following the memorably long and cold winter of 1842-3, solid, freezing weather prevailing all through March and late into April. Mr. Sutliff began to have misgivings as to what the market would be for potatoes in that lower country when he could reach it. To add to his doubts, one of his brothers, who had been teaching school in the state of Mississippi, arrived and said to him that the early southern grown potatoes would be in the market before he could reach it, and that his potatoes would be worth nothing; but said to him, "Here is a splendid body of ice all around your boat; load with this and you will find a great market for it when you reach the South."

Mr. Sutliff acted on his brother's suggestion, loaded with ice, a few barrels of pork, and a very small part of his potato crop. When the winter broke that spring, warm weather came on very rapidly, and by the time the flat-boat got far enough south where there was a demand for ice, his cargo of ice was largely melted, and so Mr. Sutliff's venture was not a success; he claimed, however, that if he had adhered to his original purpose he would have realized enough money to have entered all his land, as he got good prices for the few potatoes he had taken.

The advent of the era of improved farm implements and machinery was now beginning, in which the reaper

and harvester were to supplant the grain-cradle, as this had supplanted the sickle, and in 1847 Mr. Sutliff procured and brought into the neighborhood the Esterly harvester, a machine which garnered the heads of the grain, leaving the bulk of the straw uncut in the field, to be later burned off or plowed under and returned to the soil, according to the desire of the farmer. The grain thus cut was elevated by the machine and poured into huge boxes on wagon-wheels, which were driven alongside to receive the grain as it fell from the machine. This harvester was a great labor-saver, and would cut some twenty acres a day. The grain was stacked at once, and if quite ripe and free of weeds and had ripened evenly would save well, but, on the whole, the harvester was not a success and at length was laid aside for the less pretentious and picturesque reapers and binders of a somewhat later date.

This harvester was propelled instead of hauled, the horses being harnessed behind instead of in front, and it was guided by a man standing at the wheel on a platform above and a little forward of the horses' heads, and as it moved swiftly through a field, cutting its wide swath, with Mr. Sutliff standing at the wheel and guiding it in its majestic sweep through the golden grain, it was, indeed, an imposing sight—"A thing of beauty," if not "a joy forever."

About the time Mr. Sutliff purchased this harvester he founded a communal organization composed of his three sons-in-law, Jeremiah B. Swafford, John P. McCune, Charles W. McCune, his married son, Sully, and himself, for the purpose of carrying on their farming operations jointly with a single head, and at the end of each year dividing the profits and sharing the losses of their joint labors. This was an attractive proposition, embodying, as it did, the beautiful idea of "brethren dwelling together in unity," and laboring for the common good. For a time all went smoothly and harmoniously, but at length little jarrings and dissatisfactions

began to appear, in spite of the reverential regard and love each member of the organization had for its patriarchal founder and head; the truth being that while each member was inspired by a high sense of honor, and a disposition to do even and exact justice, the restraint on their personal freedom implied and imposed in such an organization could not long be tolerated by American citizens born and reared under the stars and stripes and thoroughly imbued with the spirit of '76.

Mr. Sutliff saw with his keen penetration the rising discontent, even before it had found expression in acts or words, and realizing that people like these, excellent and high-minded citizens though they were, were not of the subservient, complacent, plastic mould of which good communists are made, and said to them, "Gentlemen, we have made a mistake; we have not the qualities that fit us for the duties of this kind of an organization and we must dissolve."

And dissolve they did on the advice of the man who had been instrumental in forming the compact. There was no open rupture—the dissolution was as free and friendly as the organization had been, and people outside knew nothing then, or later, of the dissensions among them, if any occurred—they simply knew that the compact was dissolved, all else was left to inference.

Mr. Sutliff was a friend of schools, and was always read to do his part in their establishment and maintenance, and took an active part in organizing and keeping up a lyceum, and in encouraging the boys of the neighborhood to take part in debates, and would speak an encouraging word for the efforts of the more timid ones. His own efforts on these occasions were admirable. He talked with wonderful ease and fluency, and reminded the writer of descriptions he had read of the efforts of Henry Clay in debate. By the way, Mr. Sutliff was a great admirer of, and was a political disciple of the great "Millboy of Kentucky," and resembled him, not only in physique, but in natural mental endowment as well, and was perhaps not a great way behind him in this.



Mr. Sutliff was near six feet in height, weighed about 160 pounds, was of spare habit, straight as an arrow, with a symmetrically formed head, a mild, kindly blue-grey eye, indicative of great intelligence, and, altogether, was a man of most impressive presence. He was a man of decided opinions and conclusions, with a high sense of honor, was anti-slavery to the core, and if he had been in accord with the political sentiment of the time and had any aspirations for political preferment, his qualities and talents would have fitted him to adorn any official position; but there is no evidence that he had any ambitions in this direction. He was thoroughly domestic in his tastes and inclinations, was wrapped up in his family, and labored incessantly and untiringly for its welfare, every member of which loved and idolized him. Such was Allen Curtis Sutliff, who departed this life in November, 1873, at the age of seventy-seven years.

MATTHEW CAVANAUGH.

ALTA WAYNE—A Tale of Western Pioneer Life.

Where the snow-clad mountains lifted high
Their heads sublime to the vaulted sky,
Where over the gray rocks, bare and brown,
The crystal waters came leaping down.

Where the towering pines by the winds were stirred,
Where the growl of the grizzly bear was heard,
Where the fierce wolves followed the frightened deer,
Stood the low hut of a pioneer.

Its walls were rude and its roof was low,
It was built for safety, and not for show;
With thatch of boughs and a puncheon floor,
With windows barred and a massive door,
It was simple, 'twas picturesque and plain,
The forest home of brave Alta Wayne.

She had followed her husband across the plains,
She had shared his losses and golden gains.
With her pretty babe on her hopeful breast
The trackless forest her feet had pressed.
Love made her heedless of toil or pain,
A faithful wife was brave Alta Wayne.

Her form was tall and her face was brown
As an Autumn acorn dropping down.
Her look was lovely, her limbs were strong,
Her ebony hair was thick and long.
Her full, red lips were sweet to see
As ripening cherries upon the tree;
Her cheek like the blush of the opening rose,
Or the crimson flush when the sunset glows.
Her teeth were white as the ocean's foam
And her voice as sweet as the thought of home.
She had followed her husband across the plains,
She had shared his losses and golden gain,
With her pretty babe on her hopeful breast
The trackless forest her feet had pressed.
Love made her heedless of toil or pain,
A faithful wife was brave Alta Wayne.

It was near the close of a summer day,
And Alta Wayne in the twilight gray
Sat sweetly humming an old tune, for,
With her young child playing before the door,
She thought of her husband's golden pile,
With a hopeful look and a happy smile.
She dreamed of pleasures 'twould bring some day
To friends in the dear home far away.
There was nothing selfish or proud or vain
In the noble nature of Alta Wayne.

But hark! A sudden and piercing cry
On the shuddering air goes echoing by.
She springs to her feet with a frightened bound,
Her heart stands still at the awful sound.

Her lips turn livid, her cheek turns pale,
She trembles, her courage begins to fail.
She hears a splash in the mountain stream,
Then another cry—'tis a panther's scream.

She leaps through the doorway—her child is gone!
Then into the forest she rushes on.
She fancies his form in the panther's jaws,
Or mangled and torn by his cruel claws.
Her soul is filled with an awful fear—
But, listen! A light laugh greets her ear.
A laugh that thrills through her trembling form,
Like sunshine that breaks in a dreadful storm;
She peers through the boughs with a look of joy,
And sees unharmed, on a bank, her boy.

But look! Above on the bank she spies
The crouching panther with angry eye.
She sees the fangs in his yawning jaws,
His long, gaunt form and his strong, keen claws.
He lashes the leaves with his tawny tail—
The soul of the mother forgets to quail,
And courage flashes from heart and eyes,
As the child laughs loud at the panther's cries.

Oh, Mother-love! In the fiercest ill,
What strength you give to a woman's will!
What heroism! What self-control!
You give to a fainting woman's soul!
What power in moments of deep despair,
What wondrous burdens you help her bear!
No man so cruel, no beast so wild,
She will not dare for a darling child.

Loud screams the panther, its fierce eyes glare
With savage wrath on the bright boy there.
The mother sprang from her hiding-place,
And clasped her child in a close embrace;
With a fearless look of exultant love,

Then with flashing eyes to the beast above
She turns and gazes with bated breath,
The hollow is hushed as the halls of death.

The crack of a rifle—a shout, a bound,
The panther tumbles upon the ground,
His long limbs quiver, his fierce eyes pale;
He lashes the leaves with his tawny tail.
The hunter sprang from the forest wild,
And clasps and kisses his wife and child.

REPORT OF NECROLOGICAL COMMITTEE.

As far as may be determined from the data at hand, the “pioneers” of Johnson county—that little band of hardy and high-spirited men and women who sought their homes on the prairies and in the groves of Johnson county in 1837—have all passed from their homes here, and of the many who followed them in 1838 but few are left to recall the days when the land was new and its institutions far in the future as measured by the span of one generation.

The young man who came to this “west” in 1838 has far outlived the span of life, and his children of that early day are silver-crowned, with grandchildren around them.

This is but the course of life, as it ever has been and shall be until time shall be no more. Yet it is pleasant to these early settlers to gather together with friends and neighbors, and recall by word and in the sight of old treasured relics of those earlier years the scenes and incidents of pioneer life. Here the past links on to the present, and the map of life spreads out in a perspective reaching back for more than sixty years with the elder, and looking forward to the indistinct, but glowing future with the younger.

Our yearly reunion has come to be a red-letter day for the people of Johnson county, and in its celebration we find pleasant and glad associations that become dearer with each meeting. The words and the deeds of those who first came to this land take on fresh luster each time we come together, and are a growing inspiration to us in better living and better doing. May they be an inspiration that shall grow in strength and power with each reunion, as we, like the pioneers of 1837 and 1838, turn our steps toward the land of rest and peace and day without end.

AUGUST, 1904.

24. Mrs. Elizabeth Herrick, 63. Died in Rock Island. Former resident of East Lucas Twp.
 26. Mrs. Minnie Hastings, 31. Union Twp. Born in Johnson county.
 28. Howard Heald, 36. Died at Independence; born in Iowa City.
 28. Daniel F. Donaldson. Died at Cowita, Indian Ter.
 28. Noah Swartzendruber, 40. Washington Twp. Born in this county.
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OCTOBER, 1904.

4. Gil. F. Fletcher, 56. Died at Salt Lake, Utah. Born in New Hampshire, his parents coming to this city in 1851. He was for several terms deputy sheriff and sheriff of county. With his family he moved to Bingham county, Idaho, and was a member of the legislature of that state. He was an active member of this society while a resident of the city.
6. Mrs. Lydia Rogers, 90. Lived in the county forty-six years.

8. James Townsend, 94. Lived in Johnson and Cedar counties for more than sixty years. Was closely associated with John Brown and the "Underground Railroad" of slavery times.
10. Philip E. Shaver, 76. Washington township. Came from Pennsylvania in 1844, and located in Washington township. Served in the Mexican war, 1847-8, in the Iowa Mounted Dragoons. Made the trip overland to California in 1850. Enlisted as a private in the First Iowa Cavalry, 1861, and by conspicuous merit rose to the position of captain. Was member of the Board of Supervisors. He took much interest in the meetings of this society, and was a leading member from its organization.
14. Frank H. Dunkel, 27. Born in the city.
18. Thomas Seerley, 84. Came to Iowa from Maryland in 1854.
18. George C. Cornell, 76. Died in Topeka, Kas.
20. R. A. Naylor, 60. Came to county in 1884.
28. Mrs. Sarah J. Jelly, 57. Washington Twp.
24. Mrs. Ralph Dunlap, 29. Born in the city.
27. W. H. Waite, 70.
27. Joseph Kerf, 83. Lived in city 45 years.
28. Mrs. Louisa C. Davis. Died in Indian Territory.
29. Sevrin J. Burich, 76. Came to the city about 1855.
29. Mrs. Bridget Teefy, 92. Lived in the city 30 years.
31. Martin Sovers, 50. Solon.
31. Mrs. James Vanek, 59. Came in 1882.

NOVEMBER, 1904.

4. James Vanek. Came to Iowa City, 1881.
7. Henry Houser, 20. Born in the city.
8. Mrs. Frances Ashton, 82.
9. Mrs. Frank R. Smith. Died at St. Joe, Missouri.
10. Edgar H. Metcalf, 33. Died at St. Paul; born in the county.

10. L. A. Albright, 21. North Liberty; born in the county.
10. Rev. Geo. P. Folsom, Pastor Presbyterian church, 1880-88. Died in Michigan.
13. Mrs. Sarah Smith, 76. Scott Twp.
13. Miss Catharine Donovan, 60.
14. A. D. Smith, 50.
14. Mrs. Mary Higgins.
14. Robert Harrison, 91. Graham Twp.
15. Albert Payne, 49. West Lucas.
16. Mrs. Peter Davis, 55. West Lucas; came from Pennsylvania, 1866.
18. Richard P. Jones, 60. Born in Wales; came to Johnson county in 1867. Was sheriff of Johnson county for two years. Died in Los Angeles, California.
19. George Weed, Pleasant Valley. Born in the county.
20. E. C. Murphy, 40. Died in Kansas City.
20. Mrs. Mary Klisner, 89. Lived in county 38 years.
21. Dennis Kelleher, 78. Pleasant Valley; came here in 1859.
21. Rev. John O'Farrell, former pastor of St. Patrick's Catholic church. Died in Ottumwa.
29. William Lyell, 73. Was one of the first settlers of Clinton county.

DECEMBER, 1904.

2. John F. Ruhe, 91.
3. A. R. Cherry, 64. Came from New York about 1856. Veteran of Civil War, having served in infantry and cavalry regiments. County treasurer of Johnson county for three terms.
5. J. H. Gearkee, 68. Came to the city about 1850. Veteran of the First Iowa Infantry. Enlisted in Twenty-second Iowa and rose to rank of major by merit and gallant service.

6. Rev. Johannes Thurner, former pastor of St. John's Lutheran church. Died at Lone Tree.
7. George Cessner, 86. Came to Iowa City about 1850.
8. Frederick Schmidt, 86. Union Twp. Lived in the county 39 years.
8. Albert Wallek, 39. Scott Twp.
10. Robert Simpson, 66. West Lucas. Came from Canada in 1855.
14. Mrs. Peter Williams, 60. Oxford Twp.
16. Hugh Grady, 20. Born in county.
18. Mrs. J. P. Marling, 58. Came from Ohio in 1864.
18. Mrs. Kate Strub, 30. Born in the county.
18. Mrs. John Klevenhagen, 36.
18. Chris. Kramer, 38. Born in the county. Died in Chicago.
20. Mrs. Anna P. Lake, 79.
21. J. A. Champion, Sr., 90. Liberty Twp.
21. Benjamin Ritter, 90. Came from Indiana in 1838, and was married in August of that year, being one of the first weddings in the county. He lived on the land which he entered for many years, and is said to have held the office of Justice of the Peace for thirty-five consecutive years. He is believed to have been the last survivor of those whose names appeared on the assessment roll of 1838, the listing for taxation in the county. His death occurred at Jennings, Louisiana, whither he had removed about fifteen years ago.
22. Mrs. Conrad Nass, 58.
23. Mrs. Dorothea Benner, 82. Came from Germany about 1856.
26. Michael Nugent, 87. Came from Ireland, 1842.
29. Edward Onash. Born in the city. Died at Independence.
30. Mrs. Fannie M. Seydel, 68. Came from Ohio, 1853.
31. Miss Mary Brogla. Washington twp.

JANUARY, 1905.

1. Wm. Barry, 75. Came to Iowa in 1876.
3. Mrs. R. P. Jones, 63.
5. Miss Cynthia Myer, 70. Died at Rock Island.
6. George Schlenck, 67. Came to the city from Germany in 1844.
7. Matthew Clair, 68. Died at Maxwell, Nebr.
9. David O. Thomas, 43. Sharon Twp.
9. Mrs. Elizabeth Euler, 69. Came from Pennsylvania, 1855.
10. Michael Callahan, 72.
16. S. F. Lefevre, 19. Born in the county.
18. Mrs. Bridget Horthy, Cedar Twp.
18. Mrs. Bartholomew Shay. Died at Mechanicsville.
19. R. M. Jones, 66. Union Twp.
22. Edmund Shepard, 81. Came to Iowa City about 1848, and for many years was a leading business man. Died at Neosha, Mo.
22. John C. Rutan, 68. Died in North Yakima, Washington. Veteran of the war.
24. Miss Viola McCammon, 50. Oxford.
26. Lorenzo Cross, 65.
26. Mrs. Anna Pohler, 72. Came to the city, 1875.
26. John T. Calkins, 80. Died in Chicago.
28. Mrs. Mary Yenter, 73. Oxford.
29. Mrs. W. W. Diehl, 28. Born in the county.
31. Clare Luse, 23. Oxford. Born in the county.

FEBRUARY, 1905

1. Dr. H. E. Bowman, 40. Liberty Twp. Born in Iowa.
1. Miss Caroline Lillick, 21. Born in this city.
2. Hiram Jayne. Oxford. Veteran of the civil war.
5. Frank Shupitar, 88.
4. Mrs. Michael Stigler, 42.
4. Fred Bokens, 34. Oxford Twp.

5. Mrs. Nancy McLaughlin. Died at Portsmouth, Iowa.
5. Mrs. Frank Oliva, 35. Born in the county.
12. Jacob Kramer, 71. Came to Iowa City from Germany in 1850.
12. Miss Helen Saxton, 26. Oxford. Born in county.
17. Mrs. Elizabeth Mygatt, 76.
17. Mrs. Winifred McDonough, 71.
17. David Jones, 42. West Lucas.
18. Miss Alice Roland, 18. Born in the county.
20. Frank Burr, 36. Born in the city. Died in Chicago.
21. Robert Paintin, 19. West Lucas. Born in the county.
22. Mrs. Nancy Moore, 72.
23. John Sueppel, 69. Came from Germany in 1856. He had been identified with the commercial interests of the city since coming here. Was city treasurer for two years, and county treasurer for four years.
24. C. L. Eby, 79.
25. Mrs. Helen Kaspar, 80. Newport. Came in 1865.
26. W. J. Reese, 50. Died in Davenport.
28. Mrs. Elizabeth Keene Johnson, 88. Came to the county in 1869.

MARCH, 1905.

1. Mrs. Eliza A. M. Shrader, 97. Came to the county 1855.
1. Mrs. Charles A. Bond. Died in Sioux City.
2. Joseph J. Slaby, 40. Born in the city. Died in Colorado.
5. Miss Anna Ryan, 33. Cedar Twp.
6. Mrs. Gustave Thiel, 76. Died at Denison.
7. Mrs. James Aldous, 68. Came to the city, 1870.

8. Mrs. Margaret Hasselhorst, 81. Came to the city 1856.
 16. Mrs. Sarah M. Thompson, 51.
 14. Thomas R. Davis, 80. Union Twp. Came from Pennsylvania, 1855.
 21. Mrs. Ruth Magruder, 83. Came to the county from South Bend, Ind., with her father, Joseph Stover, in 1838, and in the fall of 1839 was married to James Magruder, one of the first settlers of Fremont Twp.
 22. Daniel Colbert, 72.
 24. Mrs. J. M. Seydel, 72. Came from Kentucky, 1844.
 25. W. P. Eddy, 68. Oxford. Veteran.
 27. Robert Thompson, 79. Oxford Twp.
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APRIL, 1905.

1. Moses P. Miller, 81. Sharon Twp.
3. Elsie C. Lyon, 1887. Came to Iowa City in 1843.
3. Jos. Hartley, 78.
5. Mrs. W. H. C. Rogers, 38. Born in the county.
5. John Eggenberg, Sr., 75. Penn Twp.
7. Mrs. Carrie Hill, 58.
7. Patrick McGuan, 48.
7. Mrs. Theresa Dobsky, 66. Came 1855.
13. Mrs. Alice Gilpin, 68.
13. Claude Robinson, 31.
14. Albert Ford, 50.
17. Mrs. Mary Jane Buck, 75. Union Twp. Came with her parents to Union in 1839.
17. Christian Luther, 90. Came from Germany in 1851.
22. Mrs. Mary Sullivan, 100.
22. Mrs. Elizabeth Stagg, 71. Scott Twp.
24. J. W. Teefy, 51.
26. B. W. Robertson, 56. Hardin Twp.

- 26. Mrs. Henry E. Shinn, 72. Died at Portland, Ore.
- 26. John Spinden, 90. Newport Twp.
- 29. Mrs. Elizabeth Tuthill.
- 30. Frank Sedovec, 38.

MAY, 1905.

- 2. Mrs. William Wilant, 44. Penn Twp.
- 3. Frank Benda, 46. Came from Bohemia in 1884.
- 4. Miss Antonia Epeneter, 35. Born in the city.
- 5. Mrs. Wm. A. Shuck.
- 5. Eugene Sullivan, 46. Born in the county.
- 6. Joseph Burger, 46. Died at Cherokee. Born in the county.
- 15. James McKillip, 40. Scott Twp. Born in county.
- 16. Andrew J. Morford, 59. Veteran, 24th Iowa. Born in the county. Died at the Soldiers' Home, Marshalltown.
- 17. Jeff Bright, 53. Came to the county 1870.
- 21. Mrs. Reynolds Amish, 33. Sharon Twp. Born in the county.
- 26. Nelson Plato, 73. Veteran of the civil war.
- 28. Mrs. James Vanek, 73. Newport Twp. Came to the county in 1855.
- 31. Edward Organ, 78. Oxford Twp. Came to the county in 1870.

JUNE, 1905.

- 2. John Doerres, 60. Fremont Twp. Came to the county, 1876. Served two terms as member of the Board of Supervisors.
- 5. Frank Dvorak, 80. Came to the county in 1855.
- 6. David Zeigler, 45. Penn Twp.
- 7. Mrs. Oliver Startzman, 65. Came to the county in 1856.

5. Mrs. Elizabeth Cain, 85. Came in 1857.
5. Frank M. Orcutt, 31. Died at Los Angeles, Cal. Born in the county.
6. Mrs. P. McCook, 78. Big Grove Twp.
8. Joseph Helmer, 59.
9. Mrs. Marie Lorenz, 79. Came in 1855.
14. Daniel J. Beltz, 65. Big Grove Twp. Lived in the county sixty-two years.
14. Mrs. Clay Stahle, 25. Born in the county.
14. Mrs. Teresa Kintz, 75. Came to the county in 1853.
15. Mrs. Katherine Snitil, 80. Big Grove Twp. Came to the county in 1864.
20. Mrs. Agnes Gramley. Born in Sharon Twp. Died in St. Louis.
22. Mrs. Phoebe Gibison, 74.
24. John R. Heath, 82. Located in the county in 1856. For over thirty years he was a prominent auctioneer of the county. Was much interested in the annual meetings of this association, and was a regular attendant.
26. Mrs. Mary Hofeditz, 65. Came to the state in 1857.
28. John N. Coldren, 63. Came to Iowa City in 1857. Veteran of 20th Iowa Infantry. For forty years one of the leading business men of the city. A member of this association.
31. Mrs. Elizabeth Marner, 70. Sharon Twp. Came to this county in 1839.

JULY, 1905.

1. Miss Emma Neider, 26. Born in the county. Died at Cedar Rapids.
1. Joshua Fowle, 75. Came from England, 1858. Veteran of 22nd Iowa.
7. Charles R. Nass, 34. Born in the county. Died at Germania, Iowa.

8. Mrs. James Williams, 46. Hardin Twp. Came from Pennsylvania, 1865.
 14. John Meyers, 75.
 15. Mrs. F. X. Rittenmeyer, 63. Came from Ohio, 1848.
 17. John Karrigan, 80.
 18. J. W. Sterling, 72. Came from Virginia, 1856. Veteran of the 22nd Iowa. Member of this association.
 18. S. E. Danner, 33 West Lucas. Born in the county.
 19. Simon Cross, 81.
 21. Mrs. Agnes Hollister, 71. Died at Adair, Iowa.
 23. Mrs. Ed. Craig, 58. Came from Ohio about 1855.
 25. Mrs. D. L. Houser, 64. Came to Iowa in 1865.
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AUGUST, 1905.

1. John E. Cuber, 36. Born in the city.
7. Vincent Bervid, 78. Jefferson Twp. Came to the county 1881.
14. Mrs. Nellie Orcutt, 31. Born in the county. Died at Los Angeles, Cal.
14. Mrs. Ellen Chambers, 61. West Lucas.
19. Mrs. Eunice Hunt, 86. Died in Chicago.
19. John Kelly, 31. Lived in county thirty years.
21. George Wickham, 70. Came to the city, 1871.
23. James Nolan, 86. Located in Cedar Twp., 1840. Made the overland trip to California in 1849.
23. John Karl. Died in Chicago.
26. Mrs. Louisa Thornberry, 65. Came to the county in 1865.
31. George Mannagh, 40. Hardin Twp.
31. R. A. Keene, 77. Came to county from Ohio, 1861. Twelve years secretary of Northwestern Farmers Mutual Insurance Co. of this county.

SEPTEMBER, 1905.

2. Mary Cramer, 17. Born in this city.
5. Miss Dora Zager, 28. Washington Twp. Born in the county.
8. Mrs. Susan Hess, 60. Died at West Branch. Long resident of Iowa City.
8. Mrs. Thomas Conners, 72. Came to city from Ireland about 1860.
10. John W. Barnes, 78. Came to the county about 1855.
11. John Lenz, 72.
13. Matthias Fox, 83. Came to county from Bohemia in 1857.
16. Wesley Scorpil, 21. Solon. Born in the county.
16. Mrs. Elizabeth Seehy, 95. Came to county about 1851.
16. Mrs. Sarah G. Pinney, 78. Died at Haley, Idaho. Lived in Johnson county from 1840 to 1880, and was for many years connected with the hotel business of the city.
19. August Trope, 75.
20. Hugh Edwards, 69. Came to the county from Wales in 1876.
22. Mrs. Eugenia Clark Emerson, 38. Died in New York city. Born in Iowa City. only child of the late Rush Clark.
26. Albert Stanoshek, 75. Located in the city about 1860.
26. Joseph Slama, 36.
27. Charles W. Irish, 70. Came to the city in 1840, with his parents. He was prominently connected throughout his life with many of the important incidents of the growth of Iowa City and of the state. He was a member of the congregation which organized the Episcopal church of this city, and was one of the organizers of the Iowa State Engineering Society.

He was conspicuously identified with the building of railways throughout the Northwest, and was the engineer of important lines in this and other states. He was the engineer of the Lyons Iowa Central of 1857-8, and in later years of Iowa City's first competing railroad, then called the Chicago, Clinton & Western. He served several terms as city engineer of Iowa City. He was Surveyor General of Nevada, and upon retiring from that office became connected with several of the large enterprises of that state, where his technical skill and long experience made his services of great value. General Irish had made several excellent collections of scientific materials, which he donated to the State University. He took much interest in the formation and meetings of this society, and was an attendant at its meetings when in the city. Died in Nevada, after an illness of only a few hours.

MEMBERS AND VISITORS PRESENT

The following is a partial list of those present September 5, 1905:

Abrams, Mrs. Henry.
Adams, J. E. and wife.
Adams, J. L. and wife.
Andrews, Mrs. Wm.
Alderman, Pardon.
Adams, Miss Lilly.
Alder, Ira J.
Ball, Geo. W., Sr.
Beuter, A. W.
Bale, G. W.
Buchanan, W. H.
Berryhill, Dewit.
Borts, David.
Borts, Miss Ella.
Burge, Dr. A. J. and wife.
Babbitt, Mrs. Jos.

Burk, John and wife.
Borland, Geo. T.
Byington, LeGrand and wife.
Byington, Otto A.
Boyce, N. H.
Bowen, Wm. J.
Cavanagh, Matthew.
Carson Thomas C.
Cropley, Mrs. Sarah.
Custer, Earl.
Custer, Mrs. Lizzie.
Curtis, Calvin.
Crowley, Edward.
Cannon, W. D.
Colony, C. E.
Coldren, Mrs. Mary O.

Clark, Mrs. John H.
Clark, Miss Lillian.
Dennis, Mrs. Isaac
Douglas, Larimer and wife.
Devault, Strawder.
Dunkle, William.
Dalton, Byron and wife.
Dalton, Wm. and wife.
Dalton, Miss Eva.
Dennis, Bryan.
Ernest, Wm.
Eggenberg, Jno. and wife.
Eggenberg, Frederick.
Evans, Mrs. Minnie.
Ernest, Miss Mary.
Fellows, S. N.
Fairall, S. H.
Fry, S. P. and wife.
Foster, W. E. C. and wife.
Fairchild, L.
Furbish, Mrs. Isaac.
Frizell, George.
Graham, J. W.
Graham, Thos.
Gill, Adam.
Greulich, John.
Graham, Miss Effie.
Hamilton, Hezekiah.
Hemsted, Frederick.
Hubner, Chas. and wife.
Hohenschuh, Mrs. T.
Heinsius, Chas. W.
Hormel, Conrad.
Hughes, J. P.
Hughes, J. I.
Hill, O. C.
Hill, Zion.
Hill James,
Hill, Julius and wife.
Hill, Miss Nettie.
Hope, Miss Annie.
Hoxie, Mrs. V. R.
Hunter, Geo. Sr.
Hill, Miss Jane.
Hess S. J.
Hastings, D. H.
Howell, R. P. and wife.

Irish, G. R. & wife.
Irish, Miss J. T.
Irish, Mrs. S. A.
Irish, Miss Elizabeth.
Jaynes, John E. and wife.
Jacobs, John.
Jones, David.
Johnson, Dr. Leora.
Johnson, Miss Ella.
Jones, H. H. and wife.
Kettlewell, W. A. and wife.
Koontz, Geo. and wife.
Kenderdine, Mrs. Mary A.
Kerr, Mrs. Almira.
Kirkwood, Mrs. Jane.
Kessler, Laenas.
Kessler, Miss Onie.
Kessler, Mathias.
Lee, J. B.
Lucas, C. A.
Louis, Mrs. Addie.
Luse, Frank.
Lancaster, Garrett.
McGruder, Geo.
McKray, J. W. and wife.
McKray, Miss Lydia.
Moore, Bruce and wife.
Morford, J. W.
McCollister, Jas.
Moore, Mrs. E. B.
Metzger, J. J. and wife.
McInnery, M.
Miller, Mary.
McChesney, R. A.
Morton, Mrs. Henry.
Nelson, Wm.
Nelson, Harry.
Owen, Benjamin, and wife.
Owen, Ezra and wife.
Pratt, W. E.
Pratt, Chas.
Pratt, Wm. and wife.
Pinney, George.
Plato, Mrs. Flora.
Parrott, Frank and wife.
Pratt, Miss Calista.
Parsons, Mrs. M. C.

Rundel, L. and wife.
Robinson, Jas. T.
Reed, Mrs. Iowa.
Rate, Mrs. E. F.
Renholtz, Jno. A. and wife.
Rittenmeyer, F. X.
Richardson, A. and wife.
Struble, John T. and wife.
Springer, John and wife.
Stevens, John and wife.
Schell, John and wife.
Stevenson, John and wife.
Strawbridge, J. K.
Sunier, Mrs. S. A.
Swisher, A. E. and wife.
Swisher, Lovell.
Swisher, Stephen and wife.
Stover, Jacob.
Scales, N. W.
Stackman, Frank and wife.
Seydel, Milton.
Sanders, Euclid and wife.
Sanders, Horace.

Stiles, Asa D.
Sweet, Wm.
Stratton, F. A. and wife.
Stratton, Maud.
Stover, Sophia.
Stillings, Mrs. Hortense.
Stewart, Miss Mary.
Scott, Mrs. Jane.
Scott, Miss Maggie.
Tucker, James.
Teneick, Mary Hannah.
Tarbox, Mrs. Thesba.
Thompson, Mrs. Frank.
Wieneke, Henry and wife.
Whitacre, J. P.
Westcott, Miss Emer
Westcott, Emory and wife.
Westcott, Miss Jane.
Westcott, Miss Kate.
Walker, Henry.
Wolf, M. K.
Whetstone, John and wife.



